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Shall teach this truth in every clime and  
soil,

"That those who think must govern  
those who toil."

And to Carnegie shall great glory spring,  
For, to the people, he is more than King.  
A man who builds upon the Godlike  
plan—

Believing in the "royalty of man!"

—JOHN A. JOYCE.

In case of doubt, do right.

Truth is modest; falsehood is flamboyant.

Lay a foundation in the soil. The owners of the land rule the land.

Every dollar spent for practical education is an investment in good citizenship.

There are too sides to every controversy. Hear both before making up your verdict.

Let us have a few more Negro officers in the army, especially for service in the Philippines.

Whiskey has never elevated the moral tone of any person nor has it assisted in strengthening domestic ties.

Doors swing wide open for the possessor of the dollar. They are slammed in the face of the pauper. Get money.

Roosevelt need not care a fig for what the South thinks of him for being a man. That section can neither help nor hinder him.

Through a piece of assinine folly, Indianapolis, Miss., has risen to the dignity of date-line honors in the press of the nation.

The man who makes his services indispensable to a community or a business is not compelled to clamor for "recognition."

Don't put much stress upon the friendship of a social element which bases its "recognition" upon the nature of your employment.

Women who have a "mission," should not burden themselves with a husband—unless to marry constitutes the afore-said "mission."

Civic virtue is the logical outcome of right thinking and right living and a proper conception of our relation to the general government.

The South is entitled to small voice in the nomination of a candidate for President, to whom they cannot guarantee a single electoral vote.

The finish of the Boston Guardian is in sight. No paper can thrive that aspires to no higher goal than to be purveyor of personal vilification.

The present executive does not seem to be carrying out the Southern policy of some states in republican administrations—not to be a fool.

Before Mr. Howell can hope to make any headway with his Negro Democracy, he will have to raise up a successor to the late C. H. Taylor.

To be a "old citizen" is no certificate of genuine and legitimate source of pride. Any man can gather moss, if it stays in one place long enough.

Intemperance never fails to bring disastrous results, but a sensational character for that which can only come

through patient endeavor is doomed to failure.

Do not be afraid of work that soils the hands or brings perspiration to the face. The "dirty work" to avoid is the kind that blackens the character and deadens the heart.

Legislation may destroy a few barriers to Negro progress, but cannot of itself give the character, manhood and capacity which the individual must cultivate for himself.

Our Theological Schools should take care not to educate out of their pupils all the heart power, human sympathy and Christ-like attributes, such as make religion an instrument for salvation.

Do not, by questionable conduct, place ammunition in the hands of your enemies. Self-restraint, discretion and good sense are excellent safe guards against this accentuation of race prejudice.

If a limited number of Negroes can secure steady work at fair wages in the fields of Hawaii there is no reason why they may not go without raising the questions of exodus, deportation or colonization.

Southern whites do not care enough for the ballot to pay the poll-tax required to entitle them to vote. Proportionately the qualified Negroes are out-registering the whites. The whole illogical fabric will fall of its own weight eventually.

When our Virginia brethren go gunning for disfranchising constitutions, they provide themselves with the right kind of ammunition—money, determination and fine legal counsel. They don't mean a thing but business.

The editor of the Star of Zion evidently reads the Colored American with extraordinary care. Every reference to Zion or a Zionite is religiously reproduced in Brother Smith's excellent journal. In the Star, Zion has a loyal and capable exponent.

Mrs. Minnie M. Cox, was bullies out of the office of postmaster, at Indianapolis, Miss. She should stick to her contention that her resignation was forced by threats on her life and not permit the lawless "crackers to go unwhipped of justice. A principle is at stake.

The Freeman's Christmas edition was a gem. In literary quality, typographical neatness and artistic make-up, it exceeded anything we have ever seen in Negro Journalism. Brother Knox has scored a distinct triumph, and one in which the entire craft takes pride.

The detective bureau of Washington is having a hard time locating the responsibility for a number of murders. It is because the authorities waste so much valuable time trying to fasten every crime on a Negro, while the real criminal is hiding himself to the "tall timber."

The Negro who is disposed to blame white people for his woes should first be sure that the fault lies not in himself.

We should have more business at the bank and less in the police court.

Reform is sadly needed in the methods of the police court of the District of Columbia.

Secretary George B. Cortelyou stands as one of the most conspicuous examples of what an enterprising and faithful American do when he uses his talents along proper lines. More than cabinet officer, more than member of Congress, more than a leader in the diplomatic corps—he is indeed "the Secretary to the People."

Georgia threatens to revive the "patrol" system—that is, to employ men to hold up Negroes who may be traveling the highways of the state and compel them to give an account of themselves. The bad white men of course do not need to be watched. This system will be abused and trouble in large quantities may be looked for if it is put into operation.



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